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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL, CHARGE ON NOVEMBER 10 PROPOSED TO SYG LUNS THE SUBJECT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AFTER HELSINKI AS ONE OF CHIEF TOPICS FOR THE RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL. CHARGE DREW FULLY ON THE TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. SYG LUNS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED THE PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT HE HAD BEEN THINKING ALONG SIMILAR LINES. HE SUGGESTED TO CHARGE THAT LATTER MIGHT WISH TO RAISE THIS PROPOSAL AT PERMREPS LUNCH SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 12.

2. AFTER SEEING LUNS, CHARGE CALLED ON DEAN OF PERMREPS DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM), UK PERMREP KILICK, AND FRENCH CHARGE DE LA FERRIERE, WHILE POLAD CALLED ON GERMAN DEPUTY PERMREP BOSS SINCE AMBASSADOR KRAPF WAS NOT AVAILABLE, TO DISCUSS US PROPOSAL WITH THEM. CHARGE ALSO CALLED ON CANADIAN AMBASSADOR MENZIES BECAUSE OF INTEREST HE HAD EXPRESSED IN RESTRICTED SESSION AT LAST PERMREPS LUNCH. ALL, INCLUDING MENZIES, WARMLY WELCOMED US INITIATIVE AND DE STAERCKE SUGGESTED TO CHARGE, AS HAD LUNS, THAT CHARGE ADVANCE US PROPOSAL TO PERMREPS AT THEIR NEXT LUNCHEON. KILICK THOUGHT THAT US PROPOSAL FULLY ACCORDED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN'S THINKING AND THAT LATTER WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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WARMLY WELCOME US INITIATIVE.

3. COMMENT:

IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE MINISTERIAL MEETING
AND SINCE LUNS AND DE STAERCKE RECOMMENDED RAISING US PROPOSAL IN
NEXT PERMREPS LUNCHEON, CHARGE PLANS TO BREIF OTHER PREMREPS ON US
PROPOSAL FOR THE RESTRICTED PORTION OF THE MINISTERIAL AT
LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 12. ON THE SAME DAY, WE PLAN TO CIRCLATE TO
LUNS AND ALL PERMREPS THE US PROPOSAL INCLUDING THE OUTLINE PROVIDED
IN REFTEL. IN DISCUSSING OUTLINE, WE PLAN ALSO TO INDICATE THAT
US WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO THE VIEWS AS TO HOW THE OUTLINE MIGHT BE
EXPANDED OR IMPROVED. SOME PERMREPS MAY WISH TO HAVE THIS MATTER
CONSIDERED AT AN EARLY NAC MEETING ONCE THEY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO RECIEVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS, THOUGH JUDGING FROM
INITIAL CONTACTS WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OBJECTIVES.
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